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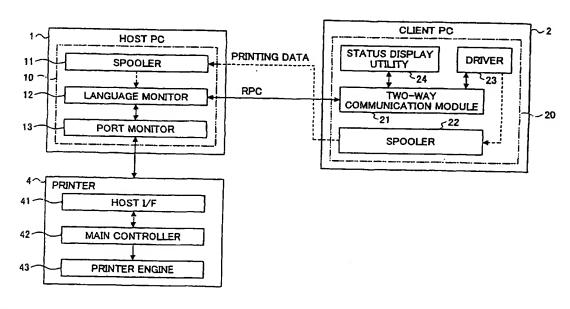
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(57) Abstract: A method for obtaining a status is disclosed in which a server computer and a client computer connected to a network share a printer connected to the server computer, and the client computer enables two-way communication and obtains status information of the printer via the server computer without depending on an operating system.

